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### **NW District Man Indicted for Simple Assault in Connection with Death of Tony Hunter**

WASHINGTON - Following a review of the evidence and consideration of appropriate charges, a Superior Court Grand Jury has returned a one-count Indictment against an 18-year-old Northwest District of Columbia man, Robert Hannah, charging him with Simple Assault in connection with the death of Tony Hunter on September 17, 2008, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today.

Tony Hunter died from injuries sustained during an altercation that occurred on September 7, 2008. According to the affidavit in support of the defendant's arrest, after an altercation with the defendant at the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and N Streets, NW, Washington, D.C., Mr. Hunter fell, hitting his head on the ground, causing the injuries that led to his death. Hannah was arrested on October 15, 2008, and initially charged with Involuntary Manslaughter. The one-count Simple Assault Indictment was returned yesterday and Hannah was arraigned today in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Frederick Weisberg.

If convicted of the charge, Hannah faces up to 180 days in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

An Indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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